

GRADE EIGHT
READING 2
2022 /2023
Semester Two

Name			
School		Class	

Write your answers on the Test Paper

Time: 45 MINUTES

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READING 2 (Items 5–10)**(6 marks)*****Read the text. Then complete the task.*****Dear Shamsa ,**

How are you and how is your family? It has been really interesting to visit you last month there in Istanbul. It is such an amazing city. I'm writing this letter and feeling so happy to start the new school year. I'm sure you are feeling the same.

However, I will tell you about how I got ready for school. You know that I'm looking forward to see my friends again and also to meet my new teacher but the most thing I'm excited about is my new bag. I sat down on the floor with all of my new school supplies and my pink bag.

First, I put my crayons in the bag. I want to use the crayons to draw pictures for my friend. Next, I put scissors, so I can use them to cut out hearts for my new teacher, Mrs. Zahra.

Then, I put in my new princess pencils. I thought of all the stories I would write using them.

Finally, I put a bottle of glitter glue. It would let everything I make sparkle. When I had everything in its place, I carefully put it next to the door. The school will begin in five days. That's all for now.

Write to me soon.**Fatma****READING 2 (continued)*****For each question, write a short answer (not more than FOUR WORDS).*****5. Who is the letter to?**

6. Where is her friend from?

7. What is Amal most excited about?

8. What will Amal use the crayons for?

9. What is the name of Fatma's new teacher?

10. When will the school begin?



READING 2 (Items 5–10)**(6 marks)*****Read the text. Then complete the task.***

Dear Bader,

How are you? I hope you are fine. In your last e-mail, you asked me to collect some information for your school project. Well, here is some information about “The Taj Mahal”.

The Taj Mahal is one of the most famous landmarks in the world. It is also one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is located in Agra, India. It is about 200 kilometers north of the capital city. It was built by Shah Jahan in memory of his beautiful wife, Mumtaz Mahal, who died in 1631 AD. Shah Jahan loved his wife very much, but she died when she was giving birth to her first child. The emperor was very sad, then he decided to build a tomb for her so that people would always remember her name. The building work began in 1631 AD and was finished 20 years later. More than 20,000 workers helped to build the Taj Mahal. It is made of white marble. It is surrounded by beautiful gardens. It is one of India's biggest tourist attractions.

I hope this information will help you in your school project.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Sami

READING 2 (continued)

*For each question, write a short answer (not more than **FOUR WORDS**).*

5. Why did Sami need information about the Taj Mahal?

6. How far is the Taj Mahal from the capital city?

7. Who built the Taj Mahal?

8. How many people helped to build the Taj Mahal?

9. What is the Taj Mahal made of?

10. What is the Taj Mahal surrounded by?

